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ORDER NO. 3197

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Subject: Establishment of the Office of Special Trustee for American Indians and Transfer of Trust Funds Management Functions from the Bureau of Indian Affairs

Sec. 1 Purpose. This Order establishes the Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, which shall be managed by a Special Trustee, and transfers the Office of Trust Funds Management and other financial trust service functions from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) into the Office of Special Trustee.

Sec. 2 Authority. This Order is issued in accordance with the authority provided by P.L. 103-412, the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 (the Act), and Section 2 of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1262), as amended.

Sec. 3 Organization.

a. The Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, managed by the Special Trustee, is established and reports to the Secretary. The Special Trustee is appointed by the President.

b. The Office of Trust Funds Management (OTFM) is transferred intact from the BIA to the Office of Special Trustee. The Director, OTFM, reports to the Special Trustee, who has line authority over the OTFM. Administrative support for the OTFM continues to be provided by the BIA.

c. Financial trust services performed at the Area and Agency level of the BIA are transferred to the Office of Special Trustee.

Sec. 4 Delegations of Authority. The delegations of authority to the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs concerning Indian Trust Funds Management are hereby rescinded. The Special Trustee, under the supervision of the Secretary, is hereby delegated all program and administrative authority necessary to carry out the responsibilities of the Office. This authority may be redelegated.

Sec. 5 Implementation. The Assistant Secretary - Policy, Management and Budget will ensure implementation of this Order, including the appropriate transfer of personnel, funds, programs, records and property.

Sec. 6 Effective Date. This Order is effective immediately. It will remain in effect until its provisions are converted to the Departmental Manual or until it is amended, superseded or revoked, whichever comes first. In the absence of the foregoing action, the provisions of this Order will terminate and be considered obsolete on October 1, 1997.

/s/ Bruce Babbitt

Secretary of the Interior

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